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Dear Mr. Johnson:

I read your article in the *Musical Observer* — an exceedingly good article — and it made me happy. — That you, who know the *Henchman* so well, & sing it so beautifully, should feel as you do about the words, is very precious to me.

I knew, when I was writing it, that you were very likely going to sing the part, so often I would say to myself: I wonder if he will like this word to sing? — Is this too harsh in sound, perhaps? — Are there too many short vowels here? — I cared so much that it should be truly singable. — You will understand how happy I am that you feel as you do.

Sincerely yours,

Edna St. Vincent Millay